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Holy Eucharist - Sunday at 9am
Morning Prayer - Tuesday at 8:30am



PACE OF GRACE



May 2019

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May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 5:30 pm Property Committee Mtg - MMR 6:00 pm Drop the Rock - L	2 ECW Luncheon at Aqua Turf 9:30 am Tai Chi - PH 6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal - MMR 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal - MMR 7:00 pm AI Anon - PH, MR, L	3	4
5 Third Sunday of Easter 8:20 am Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Holy Eucharist 9:00 am Church School 10:30 am Liturgical Committee Meeting	6 12 pm Hi-Noon 6:30 pm Cub Scouts - PH	7 8:30 am Morning Prayer - C 9:00 am Employment Group - MMR 7:00 pm Narc Anon - PH, MR	8 6:00 pm Drop the Rock - L	9 8:30 am Chili Prep - K 9:30 am Tai Chi - PH 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal - MMR 7:00 pm AI Anon - PH, MR, L	10	11
12 Fourth Sunday of Easter 8:20 am Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Holy Eucharist 	13 6:30 pm Cub Scouts - PH	14 8:30 am Morning Prayer - C 9:00 am Employment Group MMR 6:00 pm Vestry Mtg - MMR 7:00 pm Narc Anon - PH, MR	15 6:00 pm Drop the Rock - L	16 9:30 am Tai Chi - PH 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist 7:00 pm AI Anon - PH, MR, L	17	18 2:00 pm Book Club Meeting - L
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Room Key: PH=Parish Hall; L=Library; MMR= Music Meeting Room; MR=Meeting Room; C=Chapel; K=Kitchen



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Grace Episcopal Church, 124 Maple Hill Avenue, Newington, CT

Dear Friends in Christ,

Having just celebrated Easter, we are empowered by the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring this Good News to the world around us. Jesus is Alive! Easter is also the time of year where we become filled with new hope, new meaning and new life.

Jesus lives in and shines through each and everyone us. We know this to be true, because we see God's love in the many, many ways the people of our parish seek to bring glory to God. Whether it is serving on the vestry or altar guild, participating in the service as ushers, acolytes/crucifers, chalicists, readers, choir members, helping to maintain our beautiful buildings and grounds, giving to those in our community through our various outreach projects, providing meeting space for recovery groups or participating in fund raising activities to benefit both the Church and community, you are all giving glory to God. Your good work and support is so important to do the mission of Grace Church: To renew, to serve and to accept all people as we grow together in Christ.

The search for a Missional Priest continues. Lee Ann Tolzmann, Cannon for Mission Leadership, Diocese of Connecticut has forwarded a name of a possible candidate for us to consider. The Vestry will be meeting with this person in May. While there are a number of parishes in Connecticut searching for a part-time Missional Priest, we were told Grace is one of the few parishes in our area ready to interview candidates. You will be kept informed as the process continues.

Faithfully,

Your Wardens - JoAnn Cromwell & Walt Parker



Here are the lectionary readings for each Sunday and Holy Day in May

	First reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Sts. Philip and James, Apostles May 1, 2019	Isaiah 30:18-21	Psalm 119:33-40	2 Corinthians 4:1-6	John 14:6-14
3 rd Sunday of Easter May 5, 2019	Acts 9:1-6, [7-20]	Psalm 30	Revelation 5:11-14	John 21:1-19
4 th Sunday of Easter May 12, 2019	Acts 9:36-43	Psalm 23	Revelation 7:9-17	John 10:22-30
5 th Sunday of Easter May 19, 2019	Acts 11:1-18	Psalm 148	Revelation 21:1-16	John 13:31-35
6 th Sunday of Easter May 26, 2019	Acts 16:9-15	Psalm 67	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5	John 14:23-29
Ascension Day May 30, 2019	Acts 1:1-11	Psalm 47 or 93	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary May 31, 2019	1 Samuel 2:1-10	Psalm 113	Romans 12:9-16b	Luke 1:39-57

may BIRTHDAYS

05/01	Paul Barr
05/08	Richard Webber
05/14	Nathaniel Page
05/15	Richard Buika
05/17	Nancy Tatsapaugh
05/24	Mitch Page
05/29	Lynn Page

may ANNIVERSARIES

05/04	Thomas and Susan Raimondo
05/07	Nicholas and Candace Casciano
05/09	Steven and Nancy Tatsapaugh



SENIORS ON THE GO HI-NOON - The group meets monthly (except August) for lunch and activities in the Parish Hall and/or short excursions. Activities planned through Summer 2019 are listed below. All are welcome!

May 6, Monday – Alpacas – The best attended and probably most interesting event last year was the visit



to Grace Church by an Alpaca. This year the Hi-Nooners will visit the Alpacas at their home. Following a bring your own lunch (coffee, tea, juice provided) in the Parish Hall at Noon the group

will car pool to **Quinnipiac Valley Alpacas** in Cheshire. **June 3, Monday** – Picnic, Parish Hall and Patio. Hot dogs and hamburgers served - pot luck for salads and desserts.

Summer - (Date to be determined) - Dockside Lunch in Clinton & Hammonasset Park – Lobster Landing on the dock in Clinton will be the location of lunch. Lobster Rolls are featured, other items available. The group will then visit Hammonasset Beach for a short stroll. Meet at Church parking lot at 12:00 to car pool.

September 9, Monday – Lavender Pond Farm, Killingworth

October 14, Monday - Gouveia Vineyards, Wallingford

November 4, Monday - Barker Character Comic and Cartoon Museum, Cheshire

December 2, Monday, Holiday party 2020

January 6, Monday – Fun and Games in Parish Hall

February 3, Monday – Movie Matinee

March – Restaurant adventure – Location and Date to be determined



Save the Date

05/01	Property Committee Meeting
05/02	ECW Luncheon at the Aqua Turf
05/06	Hi Noon
05/12	Mother's Day
05/14	Vestry Meeting
05/18	Book Club Meeting
05/27	Memorial Day



BAKE A CAKE – Every month Birthdays and Anniversaries are celebrated the **FIRST** Sunday of the month with a cake served at Fellowship Time after the service. Please consider baking or buying a cake to be served. Notify Debbie in the Church Office by email or phone the month you will bring a cake: office@gracechurchnew.org / 860-666-3331. A cake baked in a standard 9 X 13 pan using one cake mix package or homemade ingredients is a good size.

FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise of Central CT Annual Spring Fundraiser to benefit homeless families with children

May 4, 2019, 6 to 9pm. Trinity-on-Main, 69 Main Street, New Britain.

Tickets \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. For tickets call 860.259.5649.

Silent and live auction, entertainment, food and drinks, Kentucky Derby attire optional. Learn more at <https://familypromisecct.org>. All proceeds benefit Family Promise of Central CT.



Newington Food Bank: We continue to support the food bank with spaghetti sauce, minced onion, canned crabmeat, 100% fruit juice and Beef stew.

JoAnn Cromwell



Recycling: Good for You! Good for Grace! Good for the World!

Our St. Pauly Textile drop off shed benefits ALL! At our shed in 2018 roughly 11,510 garments of clothing were donated. This was enough to clothe an estimated 1,396 people. This clothing is being used by people in up to 44 different countries included the USA. Grace Church raised \$686 in 2018 by hosting the shed.

Clean your closets, Help the needy, Raise money for Grace. Thank you!

The deadline for the June Pace of Grace is Thursday, May 23. Please make every effort to meet this deadline to allow us to distribute the issue promptly. The earlier you submit, the easier it is to publish the issue.



Office Hours: Monday 11-4; Tuesday 1-5: and Thursday 11-5.

Debbie Forrest



Book Club: The Book Club Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 18. The book we will be reading is "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

"A person who won't read has no advantage over one who can't read" - Mark Twain

Melissa Haseley





make one up for you. Thank you!

With supply clergy celebrating our services, it's important that everyone wear their name tags. If you are in need of one, please leave a note in the office and Debbie will



Sing With Us

Please join us to sing anthems on Sunday services. Feel free to stop by weekly rehearsals at 6:30 on Thursdays.

Mei-Tsen Chen



Morning Prayer

Please join us for a peaceful, centering time of prayer and worship. Early week Morning Prayer is held every Tuesday at 8:30 AM in the Chapel. All are welcome. Beverley Manning and JoAnn Cromwell rotate leading the service



Forward Movement
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I will try this day to live a simple, sincere and serene life, repelling promptly every thought of discontent, anxiety, discouragement, impurity, and self-seeking. In particular I will try to be faithful in those habits of prayer, work, study, physical exercise, eating, and sleep which I believe the Holy Spirit has shown me to be right. And as I cannot in my own strength do this, nor even with a hope of success attempt it, I look to thee, O Lord God, in Jesus my Savior, and ask for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Supply Clergy



Supply Clergy Schedule:

May 5	Rev. Valerie Miller
May 12	Rev. Valerie Miller
May 19	Rev. Jane Stickney
May 26	Rev. David Pople

Forward Day by Day: Daily Devotionals for May-June-July are available in the Narthex. Suggested donation of \$2 for the large print and \$1 for the pocket-size

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING

Safe Church Training Option 2

Option 2: Online component followed by abbreviated in-person component

Option 2 training sessions in-person (live) component will be offered Mon. – Thurs. evenings 6:30-9:00 p.m. with light supper provided or Saturday mornings 9:00-11:30 a.m. The links to the online course modules will be sent to you via email within 2 weeks of your completed registration and no sooner than 4 weeks before the live training session. The online course modules must be completed prior to attending the live session and two (2) days prior to the live session to receive your certificate that day. Trainings will have a minimum of ten (10) registered attendees; trainings with less than 10 may be cancelled. Register for a live session below.

Tues., May 7, 2019, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.: St. John's, 3 Trumbull Place, North Haven -Register here

Sat., June 8, 2019, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.: St. John's, 92 Main St., East Windsor -Register here

There are many other locations for the Option 2 Safe Church Training. These are the closest.

Please let the Wardens and the office know which session you will attend.



QUICK FINANCE UPDATE: MARCH 31 2019

<u>INCOME:</u>	<u>TOTAL BUDGET</u>	<u>YR-TO-DATE BUDGET</u>	<u>YR-TO-DATE ACTUAL</u>
Pledge Income	\$ 87,558	\$ 22,765	\$ 21,562
Total Income	\$125,908	\$ 31,236	\$ 30,188
<u>EXPENSES:</u>	(\$125,328)	(\$ 31,354)	(\$ 25,809)
<u>NET CHANGE:</u>	\$ 580	(\$ 118)	\$ 4,379



Creative Energy Team May 2019

Easter Flowers - Our Easter flowers were beautiful this year!

They looked beautiful while helping us celebrate Easter. As usual they were a sellout. Thank you to Walt & Jeanne Parker for helping make this a success this year & every year!!

Tag Sale 2019 - Our Tag sale was a great success despite the weather this year!!

The day started out cold with the showers tapering off. Then the wind started—breezy at first then turning even colder with what felt like gale-force winds. Oh what a day it was!! Everything was blowing around all day long!! We all took turns going inside to warm up. Although the weather was not a great tag sale shopping day, we were able to raise almost \$800. We also had seven vendors bravely come out and set up for the day. We believe the weather played a big part of how the day turned out.

I would like to especially thank the people who helped make this event happen—Lynn Page, Lorraine Belyea & Jane Stewart. It wouldn't have been possible without your help. Lynn, Lorraine, and Jane, along with myself, were there all week sorting, pricing, and generally getting ready for the big day! Thank you to Melissa for your help with the advertising. Thank you to Walt Parker for making the hot coffee first thing in the morning and also thank you to our Deacon CJ for cooking and serving hotdogs with chips and Gatorades. The hot coffee, hotdogs with chips and Gatorade were thoroughly enjoyed by many. Thank you to Marty Dumont for help setting up in the morning, bringing the grill over and helping me. Also thank you to Marty for putting up all three lawn signs and then taking them down and putting them away. It is all greatly appreciated. Thank you to Nancy Doprato and Shirley Adams for working during the tag sale. Thank you to Nancy Doprato, Pat Rogorzanski, Walt Parker, CJ Puskarz, Michelle Dumont & Drew Correra for help setting up in the morning. And lastly thank you to all who stayed and Brandon & Kathy Johnson for helping us clean up. You all had a tremendous impact on the day. Thank you to all who donated too. Thank you again!!!

ECW Luncheon - We will be going on Thursday May 2nd to the Aqua Turf for the yearly luncheon and speaker. I hear it will be a very spiritual day, which will be a little different than last year. We will be selling our religious jewelry and religious items at our Grace Filled Creations booth. Hope to see you there. If you are attending please remember to bring a bag of diapers for the diaper bank of CT. I would like to thank in advance those who will be there to help— Lorraine Belyea, Nancy DiPrato, Jane Stewart, Pat Rogorzanski & Elissa Schumann.

Dining for Dollars - On Monday June 3, 2019 from 3pm to close we will be dining at Puerta Vallarta this year. No coupons are needed. Just show up and enjoy authentic Mexican cuisine. There is something for everyone to enjoy. Our church will receive 20% back in all sales of food and drinks. I will be printing little flyers to place around town or where you frequent. Please take a dozen to share at local businesses or with your family and friends. Everyone is welcome!! Please see the flyer in our newsletter.

Thank you for helping support your Creative Energy Team.
Valerie Dumont

Lay Ministry Schedule
9:00 AM

	May 5, 2019	May 12, 2019	May 19, 2019	May 26, 2019
	3 rd Easter	4 th Easter	5 th Easter	6 th Easter
Supply Clergy	Rev. Valerie Miller	Rev. Valerie Miller	Rev. Jane Stickney	Rev. David Pople
LECTOR	Mabel Maynard	Karen Halpert	JoAnn Cromwell	Shirley Adams
MINISTER OF COMMUNION	Paul Crosswaith	Kathy Johnson	Mabel Maynard	JoAnn Cromwell
CRUCIFER	Karen Halpert	Jane Stewart	Elizabeth Welk	Karen Halpert
PRAYERS	Pau Crosswaith	Marie Ritchie	JoAnn Cromwell	Walt Parker
USHERS	Mark & Kathy Shoemaker	Nancy DiPrato Lorraine Belyea	Jane Stewart Paul Crosswaith	Bob MacCalmont Charlie Albrycht
FELLOWSHIP	Mabel (cake)			
NRRRC-10:30am		JoAnn Cromwell		Beverley Manning
HTFD REGIONAL CTR - 12n		JoAnn Cromwell		
Lay Eucharist Visitor			Elizabeth Welk	
ALTAR GUILD	Marie Ritchie Elissa Schumann Kathy Shoemaker	Marie Ritchie Elissa Schumann Kathy Shoemaker	Elizabeth Welk Pat Rogorzenski Elissa Schumann	Elizabeth Welk Pat Rogorzenski Elissa Schumann
COUNTERS	JoAnn Cromwell Nancy DiPrato	Walt Parker Paul Crosswaith	Melissa Haseley Nancy DiPrato	Beverley Manning Lorraine Belyea



Come have dinner!



Puerta Vallarta Restaurant

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MONDAY JUNE 3, 2019
3PM-CLOSE



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